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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/030,702	Applicant(s) Macneil
Examiner M. Chambers	Art Unit 3711



-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on May 18, 2001

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle* 1035 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 5, 12, and 16 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 6-11 and 13-15 is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 20) Other: _____

This Office Action is a response to the Application filed on:

Number	Name	Date	Claims	Independent Claims
09030702	Macneil	2/25/98	16	3

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The amendment filed 5/18/01 has not been entered because it does not conform to 37 CFR 1.137 because: The claim 12 is not in the proper format.

The normal procedure for submitting amended claims in a new application is to provide a marked up version and clean copy version of the amended claims.

This procedure is not followed for reissue applications. The submitted claims must show the addition and deletion of all words in the claim with brackets and underlining.

The proposed claim 12 does not show these modifications.

37 CFR 1.173. Specification.

The specification of the reissue application must include the entire specification and claims of the patent, with the matter to be omitted by reissue enclosed in square brackets; and any additions made by the reissue must be underlined, so that the old and the new specifications and claims may be readily compared. Claims should not be renumbered and the numbering of claims added by reissue should follow the number of the highest numbered patent claim. No new matter shall be introduced into the specification....

After filing, the specification and claims in the reissue application must be amended in the manner set forth by 37 CFR 1.121(b) and MPEP § 1453. However, insertions or deletions to the patent specification or claims filed as part of the original reissue specification and claims should be underlined or bracketed, respectively, as indicated in 37 CFR 1.173. The presentation of the insertions or deletions as part of the original reissue specification or claims is not an amendment under 37 CFR 1.121.

1. The reply filed on 5/18/01 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The submitted claim is not in the proper format. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Although the amendment has not been entered for formal matters, the examiner has briefly reviewed the declaration of Robert Rule. The examiner notes that the declaration is fairly specific in the detail memory of the meeting. The examiner requests that the applicant supply an exact drawing or a drawing from memory of the off-set lacrosse head presented at the meeting. Given the clarity of this additional information, the examiner should also be able to come to the same opinion as that of Mr. Rule. Once that level of knowledge is achieved, the meeting minutes notes used in the prior rejection should be easily overcome.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Chambers whose telephone number is (703) 306-5516. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. from 8:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeanette E. Chapman, can be reached on (703) 308-1310. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-7768.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1078.



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